

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13-26 and 28-34 have been amended. Claim 2, 12, and 27 has been cancelled. Claim 36 is new. Claims 1, 3-11, 13-26 and 28-36 are pending and under consideration. The objections and rejections are traversed below.

OBJECTIONS

Claims 27-33 are objected to as being of improper dependent form under 37 CFR 1.75(c). The claims are amended to overcome the objections.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 12, 14, and 26-34 stand rejected for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to overcome the rejections.

REJECTION under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Silverbrook, U.S. Patent No. 6,959, 298. Claim 11 has been amended with the elements of cancelled claim 12 to further clarify and distinguish the claim from the prior art. Claim 11 further recites, "inputting the common personal data of the remaining customers of the group using part of said first registration data which part is common to the group." Silverbrook column 29, lines 52-54 states "[c]ontact details, including name, street address, ZIP Code, state, country, telephone numbers, are global by nature, and are maintained by a netpage registration server." Silverbrook does not teach the "common personal data of the remaining customers of the group using part of said first registration data which part is common to the group." For the reason stated above, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 11 and the claims that depend therefrom are distinguishable from Silverbrook.

Claim 1 has been amended with the elements of cancelled claim 12 to further clarify and distinguish the claim from the prior art. Claim 1 recites, "an input assisting section for assisting in inputting the personal data of the remaining customers of the group using part of said first registration data which part is common to the group." Silverbrook column 29, lines 52-54 does not teach the "common personal data of the remaining customers of the group using part of said first registration data which part is common to the group." For the reason stated above, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are distinguishable from Silverbrook.

Claim 26 has been amended with the elements of cancelled claim 12 to further clarify and distinguish the claim from the prior art. Claim 26 recites, "an input assisting section for assisting in inputting the common personal data of the remaining customers of the group using part of said first registration data which part is common to the group." Silverbrook column 29, lines 52-54 does not teach the "common personal data of the remaining customers of the group using part of said first registration data which part is common to the group." For the reason stated above, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 26 and the claims that depend therefrom are distinguishable from Silverbrook.

Claims 9, 23, and 34 have been amended to recite, "the number of customers remaining in the group" in order to clarify and distinguish the claims from the prior art. Silverbrook column 30, lines 44-54 does not disclose "the number of customers remaining in the group." For the reason stated above, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 9, 23, and 34 and the claims that depend therefrom are distinguishable from Silverbrook.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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